.38 CHIEFS SPECIAL STAINLESS REVOLVER

MODEL NO. 60

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SPECIFICATIONS

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Caliber	38 S&W Special
Number of Shots	5
Barrel	2"
Length Over All	6½ inches
Weight	19 ounces
Sights	Fixed, 1/10-inch serrated ramp front; square notch rear
Frame	Round butt
Stocks	Checked walnut Service with S&W monograms
Finish	Satin Finish
Ammunition	38 S&W Special, .38 S&W Special Mid Range,

WARNING

Some .38 Special ammunition is being manufactured to specifically meet U.S. Treasury Department specifications for a more powerful cartridge. This so-called "Plus-P-Plus" or "Plus-Plus-P" ammunition generates pressures significantly in excess of industry standards and in excess of the pressures associated with commercially-available ammunition. Such pressures may exceed the margin of safety built into many handguns and could therefore be DANGEROUS. Some handguns manufactured in prior years, as well as some handguns presently produced, cannot safely fire this ammunition.

We understand that this ammunition is not being offered for sale commercially, that it is packaged in different boxes, that it is marked for law-enforcement use, and that it carries an identifying head-stamp on the cartridge case. At this time, "WCC + P + " is the stamping used by Winchester-Western Division of Olin, and "FC-LE" identifies such cartridges manufactured by the Federal Cartridge Company.

In the case of Smith & Wesson handguns chambered for .38 Special ammunition, this warning applies to all 5-shot, small-frame ("Model J") revolvers and to those 6-shot, medium-frame ("Model K") revolvers manufactured prior to 1958. The affected medium-frame revolvers can be identified by the absence of a "Model No." stamped inside the yoke-cut of the frame (i.e. the area which is exposed when the cylinder is in the open position).

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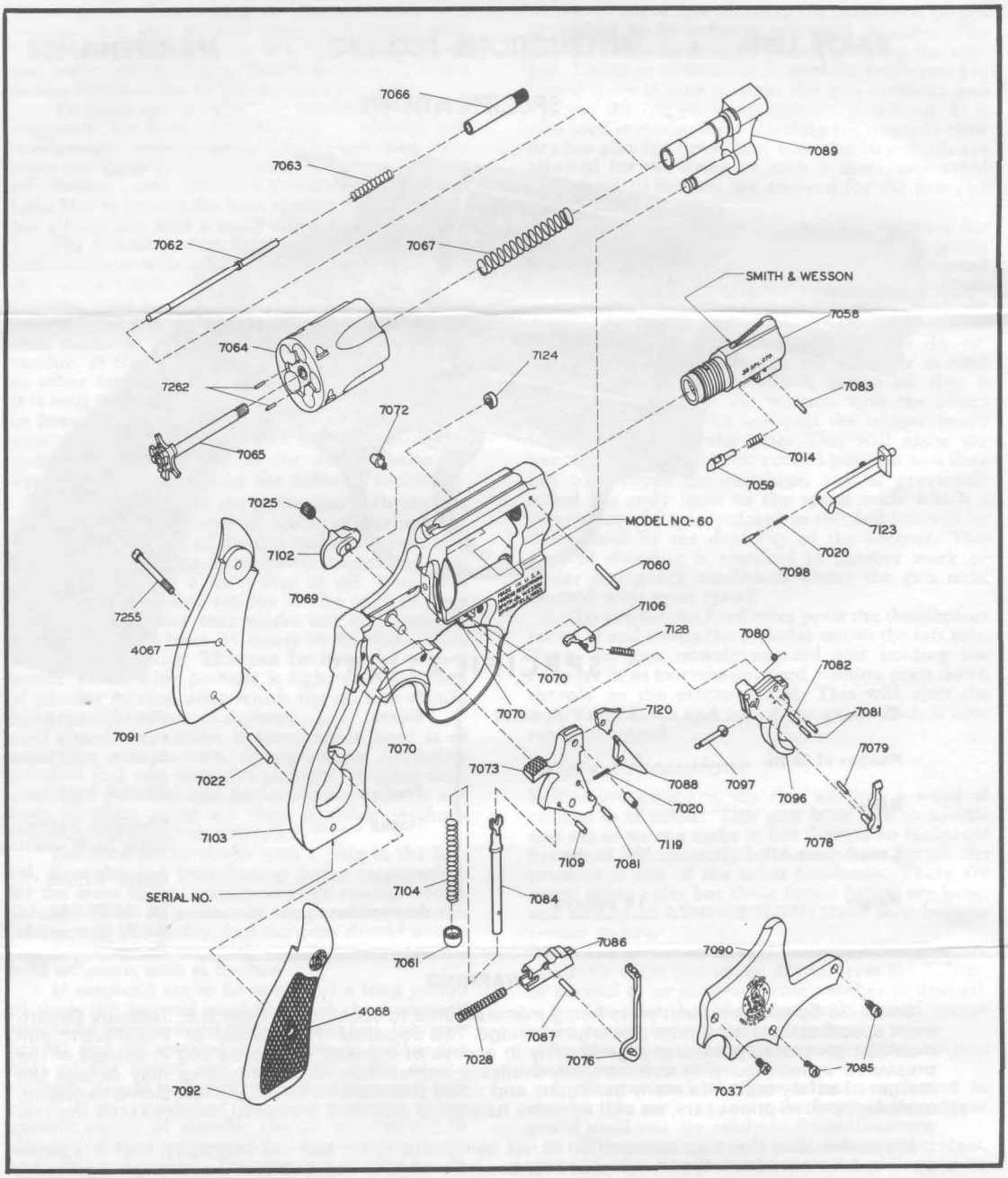

This schematic diagram and parts list conform to the current specifications provided by our Engineering Department. From time to time improvements are made in all our models. For this reason, the gun which you own may not correspond exactly with the information provided on this sheet. When requesting information or ordering parts for your gun, please provide the serial number and approximate date of purchase.

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No.	Name
4067	Escutcheon
4068	Escutcheon Nut
7014	Locking Bolt Spring
7020	Bolt Plunger Spring
7020	Sear Spring
7022	Stock Pin
7025	Thumbpiece Nut
7028	Rebound Slide Spring
7037	Plate Screw, Flat Head
7058	Barrel, 2"
7059	Locking Bolt
7060	Barrel Pin
7061	Mainspring Swivel
7062	Center Pin
7063	Center Pin Spring
7064	Cylinder with Extractor and Pins
7065 *	Extractor
7066	Extractor Rod
7067	Extractor Spring
7069	Hammer Stud
7070	Cylinder Stop Stud
7070	Rebound Slide Stud
7070	Trigger Stud
7072	Frame Lug
7073	Hammer
7076	Hammer Lock
7078	Hand
7079	Hand Pin
7080	Hand Spring

No.	Name
7081	Hand Spring Torsion Pin
7081	Sear Pin
7081	Trigger Lever Pin
7082	Hand Spring Pin
7083	Locking Bolt Pin
7084	Stirrup
7085	Plate Screw, Crowned
7086	Rebound Slide
7087	Rebound Slide Pin
7088	Sear
7089 *	Yoke
7090 *	Sideplate
7091	Stock, Round Butt, Left
7092	Stock, Round Butt, Right
7096	Trigger
7097	Trigger Lever
7098	Bolt Plunger
7102	Thumbpiece
7103 *	Frame, Round Butt
7104	Mainspring
7106	Cylinder Stop
7109	Stirrup Pin
7119	Hammer Nose Rivet
7120	Hammer Nose
7123	Bolt
7124	Hammer Nose Bushing
7128	Cylinder Stop Spring
7255	Stock Screw
7262	Extractor Pin

* (factory exchange only)

Smith & Wesson will refinish handguns of its own manufacture. No change of finish is offered on the Victory or Airweight® model or on Models 28, 39, 59, 64, 65, 66 or 67. Repair or replacement of parts are in addition to refinishing price.

SERVICE

Should your Smith & Wesson revolver require adjustment, repair, or refinishing, we recommend most sincerely that the weapon be returned to the factory or authorized service center. There is no other way to insure that the work will be done in a properly equipped and staffed shop.

Charges are very reasonable, being based on the cost of parts replaced plus a labor charge for the time expended on the job. A labor charge for one hour is usually sufficient to cover all but very extensive overhaul jobs.

Revolvers returned to the factory or authorized service center should be MARKED FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT. A letter of instructions should be enclosed with the gun, and shipment by individuals must be made Prepaid. Adherence to these suggestions will prevent loss of time in handling at the factory.

When returning guns for service, please remove custom stocks and holsters. We cannot assume responsibility for these items.

When your revolver arrives for service, it will be very carefully inspected, together with your letter of instructions. Next, a quotation covering total cost of work to be performed will be sent to you. No actual work will be commenced before receiving your approval of our quotation unless you specifically authorize us to do so.

SEE YOUR AUTHORIZED SMITH & WESSON SERVICE CENTERS LIST FOR YOUR LOCAL SERVICE CENTER

Maintenance

The following is a general statement on approved methods of weapons maintenance. Parts of it will not necessarily apply to models made of stainless steel.

Many weapons require stripping or at least partial disassembly in order to clean and oil them properly. This does not apply to the revolver, which may be cleaned and lubricated under all normal circumstances without removing a single pin or screw.

If at any time disassembly of the weapon is indicated for repairs, etc. it is recommended that the gun be returned to the factory, or you should at least employ the services of a qualified gunsmith.

To keep revolvers in proper condition, and to insure perfect functioning in time of need, it is essential that they be kept clean and coated with a rust inhibiting oil. Care is required to prevent rust, especially in damp, humid climates, or when sweaty hands come in contact with the guns.

To clean the revolver as required when the weapon is not fired, or when kept in storage, rub it externally with a lightly oiled cloth, and then swab out the bore and cylinder chambers with an oily flannel patch. Remove excess oil but leave a light film to protect the arm against rusting. Clean out all crevices with a small clean brush.

For cleaning after firing, scrub out the bore and chambers with an approved nitro solvent, and then use a brush dipped in solvent to remove all deposits from around the breech of the barrel, extractor head, and other adjacent areas which have been subjected to the action of powder or primer residue. If there is any evidence of lead particles, or other foreign matter left in bore or chambers, it is well to scrub these parts further with a bronze or brass brush dipped in powder solvent. The area under the extractor should be cleaned frequently and kept dry, as an accumulation of powder residue can cause the cylinder to bind.

After cleaning off the entire gun with nitro or powder solvent, remove all traces of the solvent, both on the exterior of the gun and in the bore and chambers, following immediately thereafter with the application of a light film of oil. Note that there is usually some residue in the steel of both barrel and cylinder that works out and becomes apparent within from 24 hours to 48 hours after the initial cleaning. This can be removed with a bristle brush with perhaps a light re-application of powder solvent, after which the oil film should be re-established on all surfaces.

The above applies if ammunition used is of American manufacture, incorporating smokeless powders and non-corrosive primers. If other than smokeless powders and non-corrosive primers are used in these revolvers then cleaning methods should be adjusted accordingly.

Do not store revolvers with a plug in the barrel, since this is a contributing factor to sweating. By the same token, maintenance or storage rooms should be kept at a constant temperature with the least possible humidity, and the guns should *not* be stored encased in anything which will attract or hold moisture, such as leather.

If revolvers are to be stored for a long period of time, the internal mechanism of the lockwork should be heavily oiled with an acid free lubricating oil, and the exterior of the guns, as well as the bore of the barrel and the charge holes of the cylinder, should be heavily coated with an anti-rust oil. It is an established fact that moisture is the greatest enemy of metallic objects, particularly in climates where temperature and humidity are high, and salt air is present. Extreme care should be exercised that all metallic surfaces be kept clean and oiled, and the wood stocks on the revolvers should be inspected for cracks caused by moisture. A periodical coat of raw linseed oil, well rubbed in with the hand, will help to prevent the splitting of stocks, but care must be exercised that the linseed oil does not get into the mechanism or on moving parts, as it has a tendency to gum when dry.

Function

The Smith & Wesson .38 Chiefs Special revolver is a 5-shot breech-loading hand weapon. It is produced with a solid frame and a swing-out type of cylinder, having 5 chambers around a central axis so that 5 shots may be fired before reloading is necessary. The weapon may be fired either single action or double action, and cocking the hammer by either method causes the cylinder to rotate and align the next chamber with the barrel. The rate of fire is limited only by the dexterity of the operator in reloading the cylinder and his ability to aim the weapon and pull the trigger.

Loading and firing this revolver is a comparatively simple operation, as follows:

Push the thumbpiece forward. This will release the cylinder so that it may be swung out to the left side for loading. Holding the gun so that the cylinder is in its outermost position, and with the muzzle pointing downward, insert cartridges in the charge holes making certain that they are firmly seated. Return the cylinder to its original position in the frame, pressing it firmly into place to make sure that it locks in alignment. The gun is now ready to fire.

In single action shooting the hammer is pulled or cocked to its extreme rearward position. The gun may then be fired by merely pressing the trigger. This type of shooting is used for deliberate fire where there is time to sight the gun carefully and squeeze the trigger in an unhurried fashion. It is also used in competitive shooting for not only slow fire but also for timed fire, whereby 20 seconds are allowed for the firing of each 5 shots, and rapid fire where 10 seconds are allowed for the firing of each 5 shots.

There is time even in rapid fire shooting for the deliberate handling of the gun in single action fashion just so long as the function is performed without loss of time and in a definite cadence whereby the cycle will be completed within the allocated time.

Where time or other circumstances do not allow for single action fire the revolver is used double action. To fire double action all that is necessary is to align the weapon with the object which you wish to hit and pull the trigger firmly all of the way to the rear. This will cause the hammer to rise to its full cocked position and then fall to explode the cartridge, and as previously stated the only limit to the speed with which a weapon can be manipulated in this fashion will be determined by the dexterity of the shooter. This type of shooting is required in combat work or under emergency conditions where the gun must be used with great speed.

To extract the fired cases press the thumbpiece forward and swing the cylinder out to the left side. Turn the gun muzzle upward and holding the cylinder in its extreme outward position press down sharply on the extractor rod. This will eject the fired cases down and out of the gun, which is now ready to reload.

Safety Precautions

Before proceeding to use this weapon, a word of caution is in order. This gun is as safe to handle and use as we can make it, but there is no foolproof firearm. Used correctly by a competent person the revolver is one of the safest handguns. There are many safety rules but those found below are basic, and should be observed rigidly until they become second nature.

1. The gun must always be checked for live ammunition when picked up, drawn from the holster, or handed to or accepted from another individual.
2. The gun should always be holstered except when drawn for a definite purpose.
3. Never point the revolver at anything that you do not intend to shoot.
4. Do not cock the gun unless you intend to shoot it. Do not even insert the finger in the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.
5. Dry-snapping, even with dummy cartridges, should be discouraged unless same is performed on a regular target range or at a known inanimate target object.
6. When the handgun is out of the holster and held in a ready position, be absolutely certain that it is not pointing at any part of yourself or the persons of others who are in your immediate vicinity.
7. Beware of obstructions in the barrel. If, when firing, a weak or peculiar report is heard, cease firing at once and inspect the barrel for an obstruction. A stuck bullet, or any other object in the barrel, should be removed immediately, since even a plug of mud, snow, twigs, or an abnormal quantity of heavy grease in the bore, may result in a bulged or burst barrel.
8. At all times treat the revolver as the precision instrument that it actually is.

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